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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 30, 2002, with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 30, 2003. Please make the following amendments and take the accompanying remarks into consideration.

**In the Title:**

Please amend the title as follows:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF EMPHYSEMA AND CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE USING 13-CIS-RETINOIC ACID

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**Please amend claim 11 as follows:**

*A 1*  
 11. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition suitable for treating a mammal suffering from emphysema comprising an amount of 13-cis-retinoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, solvate or prodrug thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said amount being sufficient to alleviate at least one symptom of emphysema.

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 In claim 12, please replace "claim 11" with --claim 36--.

In claim 13, please replace "claim 11" with --claim 36--.

In claim 23, please replace "method" with --composition--.

In claim 29, please replace "a" with --an--.

In claim 30, please replace "a" with --an--.